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Application No. 09/874,992

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : S. SCHRAGA

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Examiner: Bui

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For : ADJUSTABLE LENGTH MEMBER SUCH AS A CAP OF A LANCET DEVICE
FOR ADJUSTING PENETRATION DEPTH

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 10, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until March 10, 2004.

Applicant notes that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.